

Second Critical Submission To The Social Care Review

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Sent via my MP for Record

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Dear Team ,

You should have received my first submission from my MP , Jack Dromey's office who confirmed to me they had sent those matters along to you on 27th July 2021. I will again use my MP's office for observation and record of what I am sending to you now, as a second submission with newly surveyed results which are of great concern. I understand the Review is open until 13th August 2021

I have some figures from UK birth parents and a sample of which (50) was captured in a Birth Parent Pilot Survey (UK Only)) created by [TakenUK](#) in July 2021 . The survey was offered to people Online on Facebook across many group of parents of children; “taken away” by the UK State, mainly for Adoption finally.

The issues for your team were enshrined inside questions and wished for focused ways in which we the public, might aid you, to create more coherent community regarding the care of family and children specifically. Birth families of course are best when they are supported and resourced properly both financially , emotionally, and with local family therapy help, when they are in complex care crisis.

From the figures alone inside the survey done by us, the shock of incoherency is easy to see when it boils down to what actual early intervention help birth parents had, prior to any care orders being enacted . **49 out of 50 had no “early help”...**

Only your Team can measure the rate and frequency of “Care Order” enactment fully, and look across years for that to ask critical questions as to why the increases seem to be fostered by policy and practice and other factors across nearly a decade; 2013 onwards, when David Cameron for instance required more Adoption. It really seems as if Social Workers are the central concern and point, at which signposting to “early help” has failed, and is failing or “early help” is not resourced at all, so there is little to signpost to.

The experience of birth parents (and indeed others of “taken children”) is shattering lives and community, shattering the bedrock of productive family life. The Care Order “mission creep” and premature ways these orders have been reached for, without Social Services flagging up a lack of resources OPENLY and PUBLICALLY is awful to be amongst ..

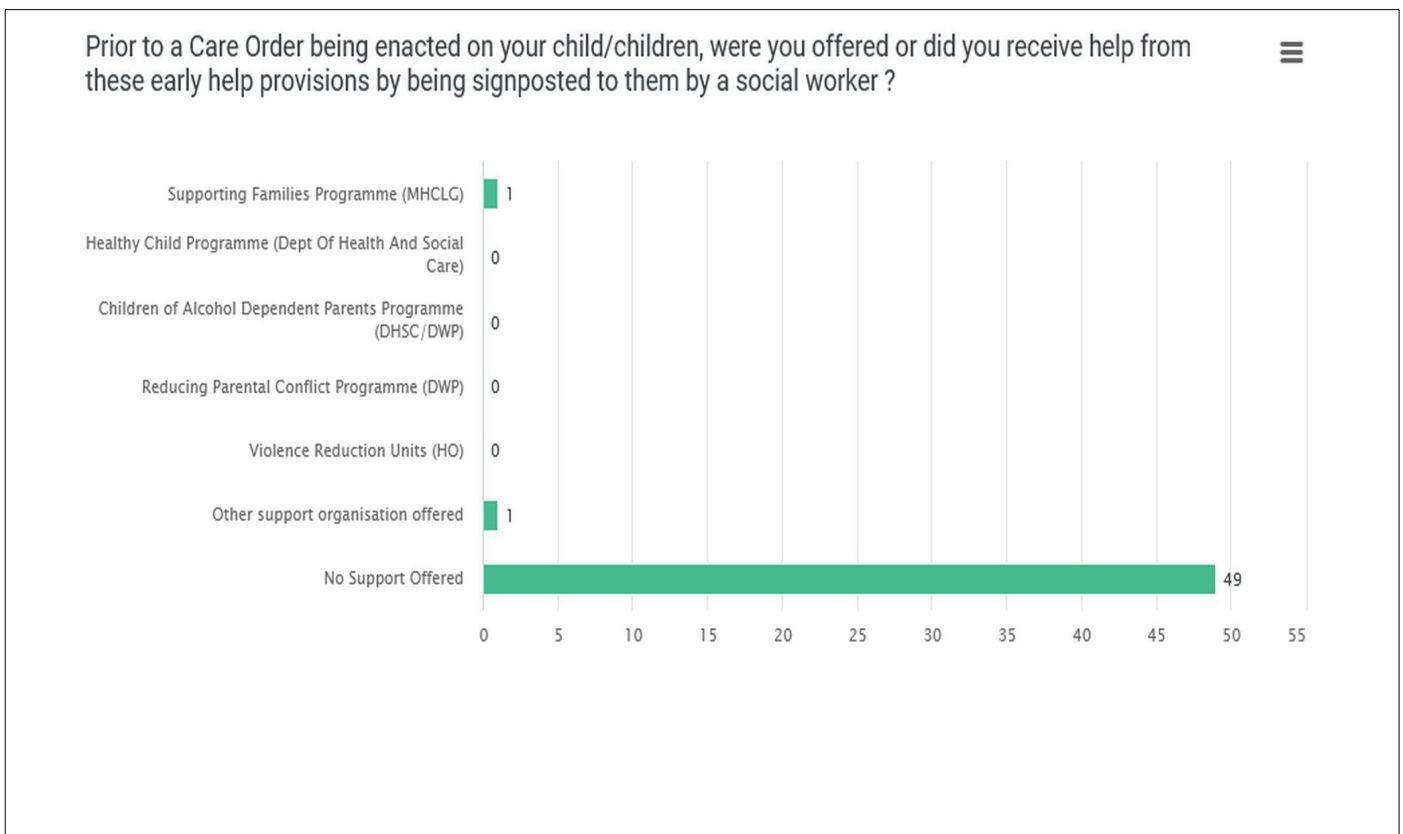
I have been amongst hundreds of almost broken parents online . In many groups of **tens of**

thousands of UK parent's experiences. The State is constructing a disaster zone and brokenness for many people now. Children too are suffering from being taken away so that they become suicidal and wrecked by unwanted State "Care", Adoption, and the whole regalia of "capture" away from unsupported family. I note DOLS orders appear to be used now as a way of taking children away from family and I have seen one child of 14 protesting in the clearest manner how she wanted to stay with family and not be sent to a more distant location from Devon to Wales ..This is unacceptable practice.

This is not to say some children do not need protection and help which family fail to give. Some do, but the frequency of "Care Orders" seems unabated and destructive to many and that NEEDS fuller examination and stopping.

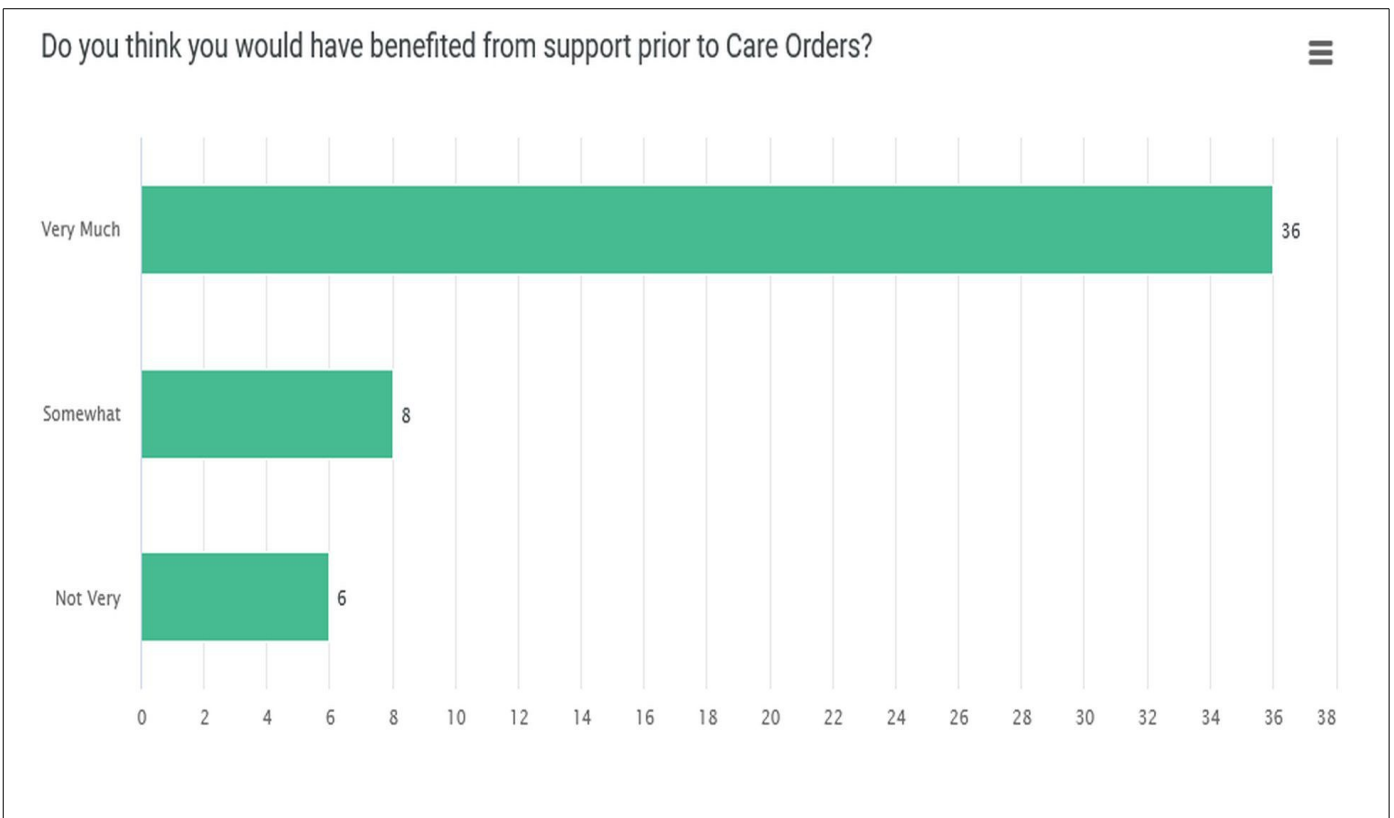
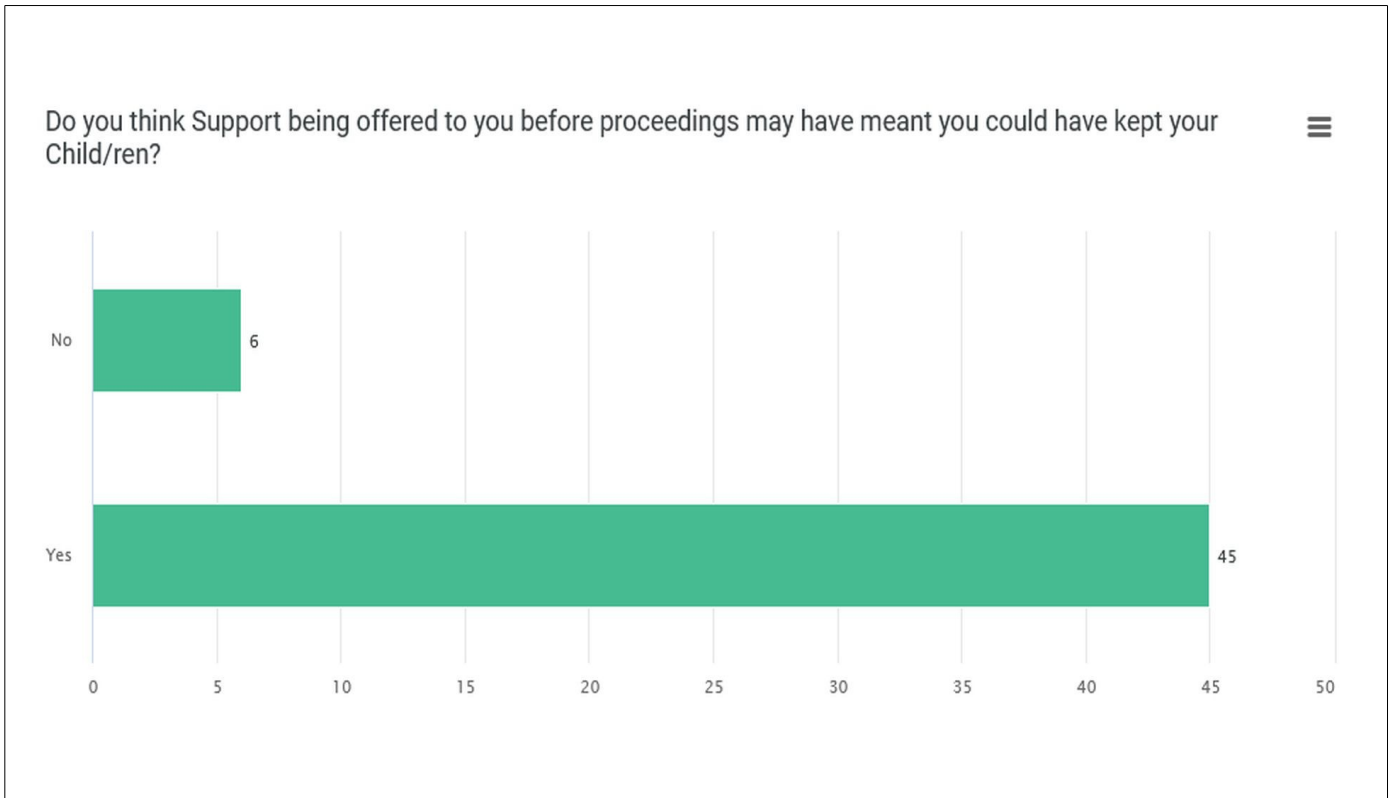
The helplessness of parents I have witnessed Online seems to be growing and unendurable and there are suicides happening. I witnessed parents lamenting one such event recently of their parent friend online who could no longer endure life without family. Sadly it is like seeing people made helpless by the State and being driven mad , broken. I have seen many patients in mental health scenarios when monitoring Wards and meetings with patients and I am reminded of people being abused by the State and the State creating iatrogenically the very instability they are trying to "cure" or remedy ..

What did our survey say of "Early Help" intervention methods which might have been offered prior to "Care Order" enactment in this contemporaneous period we are all in . (please also see full survey sent to you with this submission)



You can see the "User (parent) experience" here is appalling .. 49 out of 50 people answering had no early help and that seems more widely consistent with chatting with many others online on Facebook. We must return again to the core problem of what is meant by: "early help" (page 34 of Josh McCallister's "Case For Change" and whether it is consistently applied by a one-stop shop method of

signposting with consistent targeted resources across time. Without it we all damn people's lives to broken family and often brokenness across life. What did the parents say in the survey ?



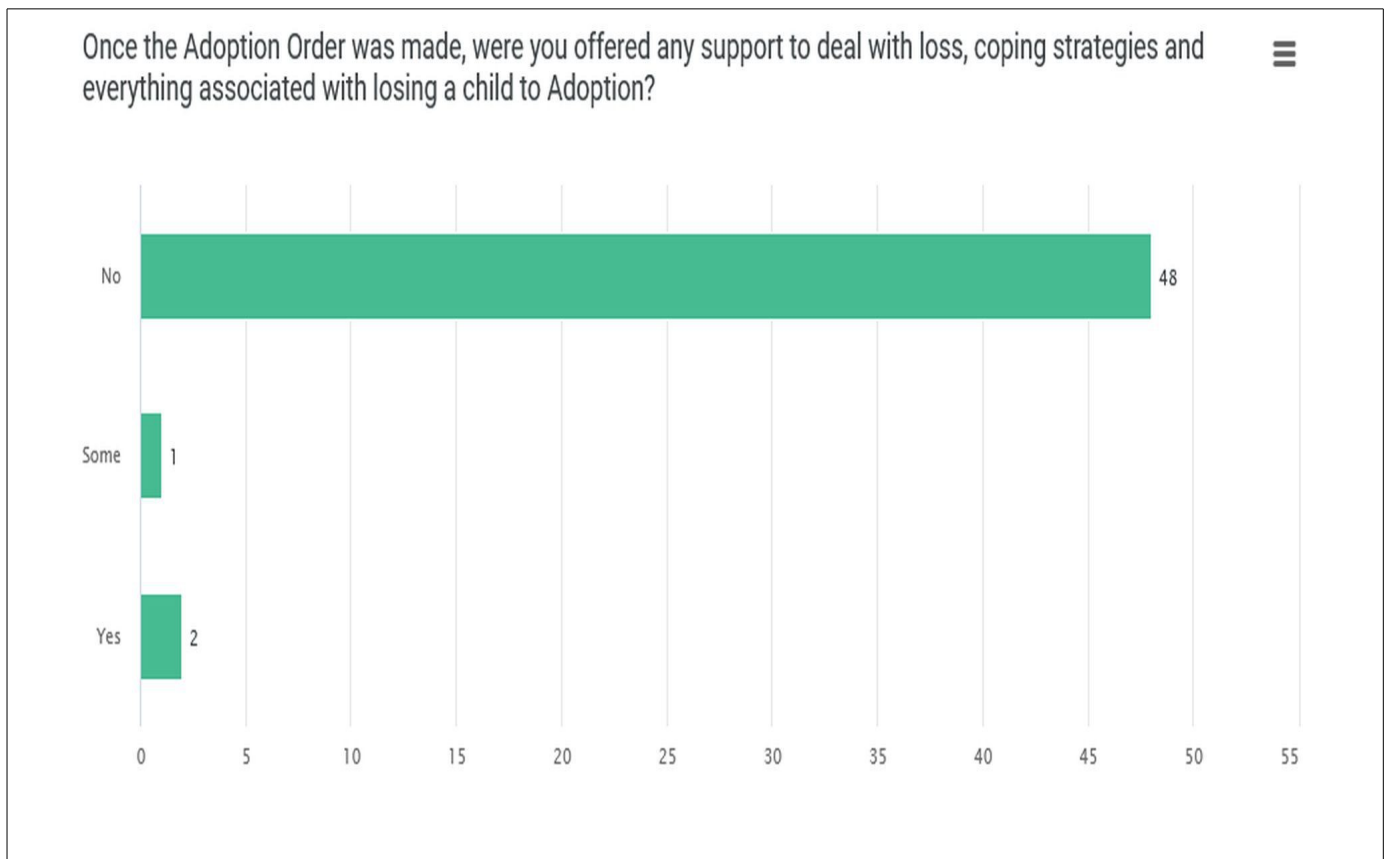
There is no need to over-egg the pudding here in this second submission to the Review of making the point that without adequate “early help” methods more Care Orders seem to happen and therefore “early help” needs to become coherently applied and resourced better.

The Iatrogenic State

The concept of iatrogenic effects is important. Does the State make things worse when it tries to remedy situations with interventions that cause more harm ? What if some remedies that might help are not there at all too ? That's the whole point of my first and second submissions with some additional proof – showing the State is worsening many family lives. Then as we can all see along comes A Social Worker with a Care Order to break up family life . The State is doing massive damages to family life in the UK and no amount of Adoptions which get mixed up with it all, will “cure ills” .

That is especially the case when Adoptees have a conferred legal dislocated identity with infertile people sometimes with their own unmet needs for a child they never had. Adoptees are essentially fitted into a legal fiction of an identity that is not theirs naturally... That causes harm..I have already sent you our previous survey showing abuses to Adoptees and harm. There are also many disrupted Adoptions with violence shown to Adopters by Adoptees despite the much heralded Adoption Support Fund. Fitting square pegs into round holes in not going to work – it will cause mental illness. Forced Adoptions too will create mental ill-health effects all around birth family too.

What do birth parents say of needing support after children are Adopted away from them?



Remedies

Apart from Family Law Court Reform which are not fit for purposes with their secrecy and lack of accountability created by politicians – there are some things which might be done to create family coherency and thus community coherency as opposed to creating broken up family lives.

New audits every year, on: “early help best practice and “early help” methods, must be the rule and certainly a one stop shop approach of signposting of real levels and types of “early help” must be available.

There must be special therapy help for birth family life too before Care Orders are thought about. In the case of Adoptions there must be help too .. Ideally the rate of Adoptions really needs to come down – this is hidden silenced child world which will rebound back again on society with not purely positive results but with substantial amounts of hidden but broken children who become broken adults.

There needs to be a national site too Online so that information is rapidly accessible for “early help” methods /resources to be checked even by the public and ESPECIALLY by the public.

These things must be transparent and accountable. Monitoring of these matters should be done by Pro-Bono Lay Monitor volunteers... Matters must be watched and failures flagged up to MP's or anyone that can listen.

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Attached also – The Pilot Birth Parent Survey (UK Only) by TakenUK (Jointly created July 2021)